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**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Donna Santiago (3HW22)  
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Re: **Butler Mine Tunnel Superfund Site  
Pittstown Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Ms. Santiago:

This letter constitutes the response of Cooper Industries, Inc., on behalf of Crouse-Hinds Division, to the General Notice/Special Notice for Negotiations for RD/RA, Demand for Costs Letter, dated September 30, 1997. The Notice Letter requested that Cooper notify the EPA of its willingness to enter into negotiations to perform and/or finance the RD/RA at the site, and to reimburse the EPA for past response costs.

Cooper, individually, respectfully declines to perform or finance the activities proposed at this site at this time. Cooper does not have sufficient information at this time to make a commitment to perform or finance the remedial activities. Cooper, also declines to reimburse the EPA for past costs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Cooper is willing to participate with other PRPs in negotiations with the EPA regarding past costs and future remedial activities at the site. If a group of parties has formed to negotiate with the EPA regarding this matter, please notify us of a contact person.

We trust that the foregoing response is sufficient.

Very truly yours,



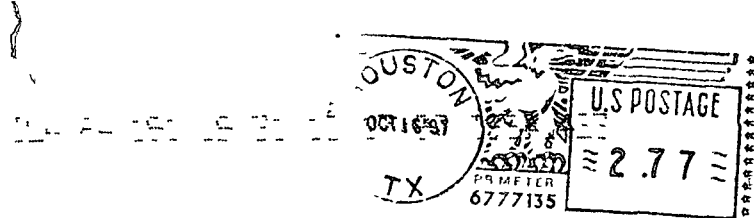
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